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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 650,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
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Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000.
RESERVE FUND, £110,000.

BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE CITY BANK.
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THE BANK'S BRANCH IN HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

Local Bills discounted, and interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Deposits for fixed periods on terms which may be ascertained on application.

Intimations.

HONGKONG RACES, 1878.

THE HONGKONG DERBY.—Sweepstakes of \$20 each, half forfeit if declared on or before the day of closing Entries, with \$100 added for 1st Pony, and \$50 for 2nd. For all China Ponies and 4ds Grifflins at date of Entry (1st February, 1878). First Pony, 70 per cent; Second, 20 per cent; Third, 10 per cent. Weight 10st 7 lbs. One-mile-and-a-half. (Nominations close on THURSDAY, the 27th December, 1877, addressed to the Clerk of the Course at the Club.)

By Order,
DENIS CREAGH,
Capt. 28th Regt.,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, October 11, 1877. cc26

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. STOUT has RETURNED, and will be ready to receive Patients on MONDAY, the 24th Instant, until further notice, at his Rooms, Ground Floor, HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS. Office hours, 9 to 12 Noon and 2 to 4 p.m.
Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. K. ROGERS begs to inform his Patients and the Public that he intends to visit AMOY and FOOCHOW in September and October, leaving HONGKONG about the 15th of September.
Hongkong, August 8, 1877.

Intimations.

G. FALCONER & Co.,
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER
MANUFACTURERS,
AND
JEWELLERS.
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS
AND BOOKS.
46, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, August 20, 1877. cc20

NOTICE.

A. MILLAR & Co.,
PLUMBERS, AND GAS FITTERS,
Queen's Road East,
HONGKONG.
September 15, 1877.

W. BALL.

CHINA DISPENSARY.
IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS,
DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET
REQUISITES, PATENT MEDI-
CINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness,
and Prompt Attention.

P. RAY WEST, HONGKONG,
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.
Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

IN THE GOODS OF

JAMES SMITH FERRIES,
Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Creditors and other Persons, having any CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or against the Estate of JAMES SMITH FERRIES, late Master of the S.S. "ZEALANDIA," who died at Sea on Board the said Vessel, on the 8th day of February 1877, and whose Will was duly proved, and Letters of Administration, with the Will annexed, of whose personal Estate were duly granted to JOHN FAIRBAIRN, of No. 27 Queen's Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, by the Supreme Court of Hongkong, in its Probate Jurisdiction, on the 22nd day of September 1877, are hereby required to send in writing the particulars of their Claims or Demands to the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN at his address aforesaid, or to the Under- signed WILLIAM HENRY BARRINGTON, the Solicitor of the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN, at the Office of the said WILLIAM HENRY BARRINGTON, 29 Queen's Road, Hongkong, on or before the 15th day of January, 1878. And notice is hereby given that, at the expiration of the last-mentioned day, the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN will proceed to distribute the Assets of the said JAMES SMITH FERRIES amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the Claims of which the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN has then had notice; and that the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN will not be liable for the Assets or any part thereof, so distributed, to any person of whose Claim the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN has not had notice at the time of this distribution.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 1877.

Wm. H. BARRINGTON,
Solicitor for the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.
ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR
1876.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Com-
pany are requested to furnish the
Under signed with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the proportion of the Net Profits to be reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JAS. B. OUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 1, 1877. nol
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.
ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR
1876.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Com-
pany are requested to furnish the
Under signed with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the distribution of Twenty per cent (20%) of the Net Profits reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, August 1, 1877. nol

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TENDERS are invited for a LEASE of the HONGKONG HOTEL, the present five-yearly Lease expiring on the 31st August, 1878. SEALED TENDERS to be sent in on or before the 31st March, 1878, to the Secretary of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, who will supply any information required.

By Order of the Directors,
LOUIS HAUSCHILD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, September 12, 1877. cc1

Intimations.

CONDENSED EGGS.

THIS NEW ARTICLE, recently placed upon the Market, consists simply of fresh-laid HENS' EGGS, from which most of the water has been evaporated, and being hermetically sealed, remains perfectly sound. The EGGS thus condensed are obtained in the Empire of China, and canned in the immediate vicinity in which they are produced, thereby avoiding the deterioration to which EGGS are subjected when transported in the shell. So that, in point of fact, the CONDENSED EGGS preserved under the patent of A. R. DAVIS, furnish to the consumer, EGGS possessing more perfectly the properties of fresh-laid EGGS than those ordinarily supplied to any city. The CONDENSED EGGS will heat up into light froth as readily as EGGS taken immediately from the shell, and are equally valuable in making Cakes, Custards, Creams, Pastry, Puddings, Egg-Nog, &c., &c.

ECONOMY.

For Hotels, and Restaurants, or for Families, or Vessels at sea, this Article is invaluable, as there is no loss from breakage or decay, and a tin will keep for any length of time after opening, being sealed only for transportation.

One Table-spoonful is equal to one Egg. Add equal amount of water (warm is preferable); dissolve it well; then use same as any Egg.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co.,
Agents for Hongkong.
MUSTARD & Co.,
General Agents at Shanghai. cc24

COSMOPOLITAN DOCKS.

THE Under signed, until further notice, offer to REMITAL VESSELS, Furnishing all Material and Labor, except METAL and NAILS, for TWENTY-FIVE CENTS per Sheet.

IRON STEAMERS and SAILING VESSELS requiring Three Coats Paint or Tallow, Thirty Cents per Ton Register.

W. B. SPRAATT & Co.,
Proprietors.
Hongkong, October 10, 1877. nol0

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE YANG-TSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

SHANGHAI, 8th October, 1877.

IN pursuance of a Resolution passed at the GENERAL MEETING of the ASSOCIATION held on the 5th July, 1877, a Return of Capital of ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY TAELS per SHARE will be made at the Office of the Secretaries on the 15th Instant to Shareholders of record the 10th Instant.

Warrants will be delivered by the Under- signed to Shareholders, or their lawful Representatives on presentation of Share Certificates.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Secretaries.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

A SECOND RETURN of CAPITAL at the Rate of FIVE TAELS per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of record on the 1st October, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on the 8th Inst. Warrants will be delivered by the Under- signed to Shareholders or their lawful representatives on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 8th Instant, inclusive.

By Order,
RUSSELL & Co.,
Liquidators.

Shanghai, October 2, 1877.

DEVON'S BRILLIANT OIL.

RELIABLE,
ECONOMICAL,
SAFE!!

DESIRING to benefit by the world-
wide reputation of our Oil, certain
parties have attempted to imitate our pack-
ages. Suits at law have been instituted
against the MAKERS and PURCHASERS of
these imitations. Buyers should be careful
to see that the words "DEVON'S BRIL-
LIANT" are stencilled on the can, and the
words "DEVON MFG CO. PATENTS" are
stamped on the top of the can.

THE DEVON MANUFACTURING Co.,
50 Beaver and 127 Pearl Streets,
NEW YORK, U. S. A.

For Sale.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & CO.

HAVE FOR SALE,
EX STEAMSHIPS
"YORKSHIRE," "MADAGASCAR,"
"CITY OF TOKIO," &c., &c.

1877.

NEW SEASON'S (MAY) BUTTER.

The First Shipment of Busch & Co.'s Celebrated Cowbrand DANISH BUTTER.

In Tins of 1 lb. each, 60 Cents per lb.
In Tins of 2 lb. each, 55 Cents per lb.
In Tins of 4 lb. each, 50 Cents per lb.

Fresh supplies of CROSBY & BLACKWELL'S OILMANS' STORES, and American Family MESS STORES,—As per their JULY PRICE LIST.

(All Stores sold by L. A. & Co. are of the Very Best Quality.)

Chappell & Co.'s New and Popular MUSIC and SONGS.

Very Superior California BLANKETS, 12/4 and 14/4.

California KNEE BOOTS.

Dawson's Best London-made GENTLE-
MEN'S BOOTS.

HORSE BLANKETS.

Central and Pin-fire CARTRIDGE CASES.

BILLIARD TABLE CLOTHS.

ROCKETS and BLUE LIGHTS.

HOT'S RUSSIAN ROPE and TARRED LINES.

FISHING LINES and WHITE LINES, of all descriptions.

INDIA RUBBER SHEETS, and In-
section of all Sizes.

INDIA RUBBER and CANVAS DE-
LIVERY and SUCTION HOSE.

Cabin Suspension LAMPS.

Cabin CANDLESTICKS.

FENDERS and FIRE IRONS.

Japanese TOILET SETS.

CARRIAGE LAMPS, and CARRIAGE CANDLESTICKS.

WATER KITCHENS.

Gosnell's HAIR BRUSHES, TOOTH
BRUSHES, and NAIL
BRUSHES.

A Fine Assortment of De La Rue's
STATIONERY, BOOKS.

NOVELS, WORKS OF REFERENCE,
SCHOOL BOOKS.

&c., &c., &c.
Hongkong, September 15, 1877.

MACLEWEN, FRICKEL & Co., have
just Received an Invoice of

AMMUNITION and SPORTING GEAR,

Consisting of:—

CURTIS & HARRIS'S No. 3, Diamond Grain
GUNPOWDER.

ELEY Bros' Thick and Thin FELT
WADDINGS.

Do. CENTRAL FIRE CAPS.

Do. CARTRIDGE CASES, Green
and Brown.

Geo. BURR'S PATENT SHOT, specially
hardened.

CARTRIDGE LOADERS, RE-
CAPPELLERS.

STRING BARREL CLEANERS.

POWDER and SHOT MEASURES.

Hongkong, October 15, 1877. cc23

FOR SALE.

THE Desirable PROPERTY known as
Lot No. 46, consisting of Commodious
DWELLING HOUSE, OFFICES and
SILK GODOWN.

For particulars, apply to

G. M. SMITH,
Canton.

October 15, 1877.

FOR SALE.

L. TAMPIER & Co.'s BURGUNDY,
Beane and Pomard, in Pinz,
PRIMEUR & FINE CLARET LABARDE,
in Quarts and Pinz.

Island and Scotch WHISKY.

OLD TOM GIN.

PORT 1847.

WIELER & Co.
Hongkong, October 12, 1877. cc19

FOR SALE.

CHAMPAGNE 1874,
HEIDSIECK & Co's
MONOPOLE.

DEETJEN & Co.
Hongkong, October 2, 1877. nol

FOR SALE.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s
Celebrated
Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.
Apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.
The British Steamship
"JAPAN."
Capt. H. DE SMIDT, will leave
this for the above Ports on
THURSDAY, the 18th Instant, at 3 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, BONS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, October 10, 1877. cc16

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.
The Steamship
"ARGYLL."
Captain Scott, will leave for
the above Ports on THURS-
DAY, the 18th Instant, at 3 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, October 10, 1877. cc18

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship
"DOUGLAS."
Captain G. D. PITMAN, will
be despatched for the above
Ports on SUNDAY, the 21st Instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, October 16, 1877. cc21

STEAM TO BOMBAY.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S.S.
"ADRIA."
will leave for the above place
on or about the 1st Proximo.

ADAM LIND,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, October 16, 1877. nol

FOR COOKTOWN AND SYDNEY.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for all
Australian and New Zealand Ports.)

The Steamship
"OCEAN."

will load as above, and be
despatched on or about the
1st of November.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, October 4, 1877.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR LONDON.

The 100 A 1 British Bark
"WOODVILLE,"
T. E. NENSON, Master, will
load here and have quick
despatch.

For Freight, apply to
MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, September 26, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK.

The 41 British Ship
"ISLES OF THE SOUTH,"
DENNETT, Master, will load
here for the above Port, and will
have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, October 10, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK.

The 41 British Bark
"ABERLADY,"
J. NICOLL, Master, will load
here for the above Port, and
will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK.

The 41 British Bark
"GRANVILLE,"
HASTINGS, Master, will load
here for the above Port, and
will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, August 10, 1877.

FOR LONDON.

The 41 100 years splendid
British Clipper Ship
"SYDENHAM,"
A. MILLAR, Commander, will
have quick despatch for the above Port.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 27, 1877.

FOR LONDON.

The 41 British Bark
"GEO. GROSLAY,"
Geo. LIVING, Master, will have
early despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, July 23, 1877.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 3/8 L. I. L. German Ship
"GALATEA,"
JARGES, Master, will load here
for the above Port, and will
have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, September 1, 1877.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 41 British Ship
"JUBILEE,"
J. HARRIS, Master, will load
here for the above Port, and
will have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, September 1, 1877.

FOR HAMBURG.

The 41 British Bark
"LORD MACAULAY,"
Capt. MCKIMMAN, will load
here for the above Port, and will have
quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, July 20, 1877.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR MANILA.
The Spanish Brig
"CONSTANCIA,"
Capt. GONZALEZ, will be de-
spatched for the above Port on
or about the 26th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, October 16, 1877. cc26

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Albatross* having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored in the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained. Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary is given before 2 p.m. To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 23rd instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.**

Agents.

Hongkong, October 16, 1877. oc28

BRITISH BARQUE *MELBREE*, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 16, 1877.

GERMAN BARK *MARCO-POLO*, FROM HAMBURG.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

WIELER & Co.

Hongkong, October 12, 1877.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUY, Agent.

Ex Yangtze, 18th September, 1877. S. P. 148 bags Stone, from Madras.

Ex Ava, 30th September, 1877.

W C (in heart) No. 21/40, 20 cases Mer'se.

MF&Co (India-mond) No. 1/10 20 "

R H H..... 1 " "

FB&Co (India-mond)..... 1 " "

Total, 32 Packages.

Hongkong, October 5, 1877.

Intimations.

AH YON,

SHIPS COMPRODOR AND STEVEDORE,

No. 67, Praya Wan.

SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S STORES.

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

AMERICAN, British barque, Capt. Nicol.

Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CHATELAIN, American ship, Captain W. Lill.

Stimson & Co.

WOODVILLE, British barque, Captain Nielsen.

Wm. Poutan & Co.

ALPHINGTON, British barque, Captain G. Cunningham.

Wielar & Co.

CLUNUM, British ship, Captain E. Shrewsbury.

Wielar & Co.

MELVILLE, German barque, Captain Th. Pfeiffer.

Melchers & Co.

DARTMOUTH, British barque, Captain Robertson.

Order.

FENTON, British steamer, Capt. J. H. von Bergen.

Chinese.

DALS, British steamer, Captain James Thompson.

Yuen Fat Hong.

DARTMOUTH, British steamer, Capt. Clanchy.

Yuen Fat Hong.

NORTHERN STAR, British barque, Capt. J. Wortley.

Wielar & Co.

TRIO, Dutch barque, Capt. T. Westerveld.

Stimson & Co.

COLORADO, American ship, Captain Ingraham.

Russell & Co.

AFONG,

PHOTOGRAPHER,

by appointment, to **H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,**

Governor of Hongkong.

and to **H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA,**

Wyndham Street, formerly Asiatic Club.

HAS on hand the Largest and Best collection of Views of China, Photographs, Albums, Frames, Cases, &c., of assorted sizes. Ex S. S. *Tyrol*, Revolving Standard Albums, Armorial Monograms and Postage Stamp Albums, Russia Leather, Velvet and carved-wood Albums, Cases and Frames, nice Albums for Cabinet Portraits only, Portraits of the Generals of the present Russo-Turkish War, Eminent British Statesmen, the two Chinese Ambassadors, in Cabinet and Carte de Visite sizes. Coloured Portraits of English Ladies.

Hongkong, August 24, 1877.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHBURN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office—Price, \$1 each.

Printed at the Office.

Intimations.

PIANOS and any other Musical Instruments **TUNED, REPAIRED, and RE-CONSTRUCTED.**

PIANOS ON HIRE, by the Month or Occasionally.

PIANOS FOR SALE, New and Second-Hand, all in perfectly Good Order, Guaranteed.

Special Attention is invited to a new Grand Cottage PIANO, by LUDWIG and RITNER, Zeltz—Just Received from Germany, and specially constructed for this climate to the order of the Undersigned.

Orders from any of the Outports in the East, will meet with prompt attention if addressed:

Care of Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., or Messrs GAUFF & Co.,

A. HAHN.

Hongkong, September 7, 1877.

K WONG HING CHEUNG & Co.,

COAL MERCHANTS.

Have always on hand for Sale every description of COAL at Moderate Prices.

Mr. AUYON has been appointed Manager, and all Orders addressed to him at 57, Praya, or to Mr. FAR JACK, at 30, Hing Lung Street, will receive immediate attention.

Hongkong, March 19, 1877. mo19

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Radnorshire* having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored in the Godowns of Messrs NORBON & Co., Duddell Street, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary is given before 5 p.m. To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 24th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **H. KLER & Co., Agents.**

Hongkong, October 17, 1877. oc24

GERMAN BARK *MARCO-POLO*,

FROM HAMBURG.

CONSIGNEES of

AM 37/1 35 cases Merchandise.

via Hongkong.

Shipped by J. C. JULIUS MÖLLER, are hereby informed that the same have been landed and stored at their expense and risk.

No Fire Insurance has been covered.

WIELER & Co., Agents for Bark Marco Polo.

Hongkong, October 17, 1877.

SEPARATE TENDERS FOR DOCKING

AND REPAIRING THE DUTCH S.M. schooner *TRIO*, and to SUPPLY NEW ANCHOR and CHAIN, will be Received at the Office of the Undersigned till FRIDAY, the 19th instant, at 5 p.m.

For Particulars apply to Capt. WESTERVELD on Board, or to

SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 17, 1877. oc19

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

WING to the Non-arrival of the **TANAI** from YOKOHAMA, the Departure of the **YANGTSE** has been temporarily POSTPONED. A public notice will be circulated as early as possible, to make known the time that will be appointed for her Departure.

H. DU POUY, Agent.

Hongkong, October 17, 1877.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. *AMAZONE*.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Indus*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-morrow, the 18th inst., at 11 a.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining undelivered after Wednesday, the 24th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUY, Agent.

Hongkong, October 17, 1877. oc24

Charters Elected.

The following charters have been effected during the last few days:

British bark *Isles of the South*, 520, hence to New York, private.

British bark *Leon Crespo*, 668, Amoy to Melbourne, private.

German bark *Canton*, 378, hence to Hongkong and back, 28 cents per picul.

British steamer *Golden Horn*, Hongkong to Hongkong, 18 cents per picul, 14 day days.

German steamer *Atalanta*, Swatow to Singapore (passengers), 48 per head, 10 day days.

German steamer *Madagascar*, 884, Swatow to Singapore, passengers, 38 per head, 11 day days.

Dutch steamer *Java*, hence to Singapore, \$3,500 in full.

British steamer *Dale*, 644, Monthly charter, 2 months, \$5,000 per month.

British bark *Lucia*, 840, left for Manila with original cargo of Coal.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Oct. 17, *Tintern Abbey*, British steamer, 786, Tindale, Bangkok Oct. 7, Rio.—**SIEMSEN & Co.**

Oct. 17, *Douglas*, British steamer, 884, Pitman, Foochow Oct. 14, Amoy 15, and Swatow 16, General.—**DOUGLAS LAFFRAK & Co.**

Oct. 17, *Albatross*, British steamer, 866, F. Ashton, Hongkong Oct. 12, and Hollow 14, General.—**DOUGLAS LAFFRAK & Co.**

Oct. 17, *Radnorshire*, British steamer, 1281, Thomson, London Aug. 30, via ports of call, and Singapore Oct. 10, General.—**H. KLER.**

Oct. 17, *Amazona*, French steamer, 2650, Mortemart, Marcellas Sept. 9, Naples 11, Port Said 16, Suez 17, Aden 23, Galle Oct. 2, Singapore 6, and Saigon 12, Malls and General.—**MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.**

Oct. 17, *Yungching*, Chinese steamer, 661, Gibbon, Shanghai Oct. 14, General.—**C. M. S. N. Co.**

Oct. 17, *Dale*, for Haiphong.

17, *Yongting*, for Hoihow.

17, *Jubilee*, for San Francisco.

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17, *Madagascar*, for Swatow.

17, *Mignon*, for Haiphong.

17, *Norma*, for Swatow.

17, *Taiwan*, for Amoy, &c.

CLEARED.

Roderick Hay, for Haiphong.

Marie Louise, for Haiphong.

Juan, for London, &c.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Douglas*, from Coast Ports, Mr. Blanchard, and 261 Chinese.

Per *Amazona*, for Hongkong: from Marcellas, Mrs. Anton, 3 children and 2 servants, Mrs. Heaton, Mr. Lange, Mr. and Mrs. Delester, and Mr. Roanac; from Singapore, Mr. Hall Burton, and 1 Chinese; from Saigon, 83 Chinese.

Per *Radnorshire*, for Shanghai: from Marcellas, Revd. Fathers Bequevert and Hennequin. For Yokohama: from Marcellas, Miss Smith, Messrs Amand and Mourier.

Per *Albatross*, from Haiphong and Hoihow, 46 Chinese.

Per *Radnorshire*, from Straits, 1 European deck, and 60 Chinese.

Per *Yungching*, from Shanghai, 80 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Dale*, for Haiphong, 1 European.

Per *Yongting*, for Hoihow, 80 Chinese.

Per *Norma*, for Swatow, 96 Chinese.

Per *Taiwan*, for Amoy, &c., 20 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Tintern Abbey* reports: Light winds and fine weather to Celebes de Mer, thence strong N.E. winds and sea, and heavy rain to port.

The British steamer *Douglas* reports: Strong N.E. winds and cloudy weather throughout the passage. In Foochow: H. M. S. *Nassau*, and str. *Europa*. In Amoy: str. *Braemar Castle*. In Swatow: str. *Atalanta*, *Swatow*, *Chefoo*, and *Rocking*.

The British steamer *Radnorshire* reports: Strong Northerly winds from Palo Sapata.

The Chinese steamer *Yungching* reports: First part fine weather, latterly strong N.E. monsoon and cloudy weather.

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The arrivals at Hamburg from the Far East are the *Albatross*, Koppelman, from Hongkong; *Priscilla*, Blischoff, from Batavia; *Cypria*, Hiebhorn, from Coochin; *San Francisco*, Black, from the South Sea Islands; and *Elizabeth Childs*, Lundburgh, from Singapore; the departures have been *Iphigenia*, Green, for Yokohama, and *India*, Dirksen, for Hongkong.

Latest dates are: Yokohama (via San Francisco) July 25; Shanghai 22; Foochow 24; Hongkong 22. The P. & O. mail, with the advice dated as above, from China and Straits Settlements, was delivered, via Brindisi, this morning, three days early. There are no later advices from Japan. The heavy portion of the last inward P. & O. mail reached Southampton on the 2nd inst. The next inward Erench mail, bringing dates Yokohama 25th; Shanghai 29th; Hong Kong 4th; Singapore 11th Aug., left Suez on the 3rd inst., four days in advance of its due date.

Singapore.

(From our own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, 9th October, 1877.

The Heaven-born gift of eloquence is the birth-right of only a few, and even legislators are often lamentably deficient of the blessing; however, we have nothing much to complain of here in that respect. True, our Legislative Assembly can boast of a member or two who, in the midst of a peroration, are obliged to dive into the recesses of their waistcoat pockets or hats to find Darwin's "missing link," in the shape of the thumbd manuscript; but even in that august Assembly, the House of Commons, we know the Speaker has sometimes to admonish an Hon. Member against reading his speech. All the official members during the present sittings, with the exception of the Colonial Secretary perhaps and the Attorney-General, have gone in for bright flashes of silence, while the unofficial members are competing for the oratorical laurels. We have four of the latter: Mr. Whampoa, who is supposed to represent the interests of the Chinese, being the senior, and though he leaves the speaking to his colleagues, he is a constant attendant at the meetings of Council and the invariable voice on the side of common sense, according to the general thinking; Mr. Adamson is the next in seniority, but he retains his seat only by the return of our Nestor, Mr. W. U. Read, who is now on his way from Europe. Mr. Adamson is a fluent speaker, quick at grasping at a point, and though he sometimes divides the Council, holding himself the proud though lonely position of an unit upon his amendments, notably upon the abolition of flogging, in which he agrees with your Governor, he is, altogether, a man of sound reasoning and his opinions are much respected. The two comparatively junior members, Mr. MacArthur and Mr. Bond, have fairly held their own; the former is careful in the preparation of his speeches; the latter is a fiery and powerful impromptu rhetorician whose long experience at the Bar has enabled him to conquer the hesitations and nervousness which is the bane of many a poor mortal called upon to distinguish himself for the amusement of his friends in endeavouring to get through that most difficult of ordeals—an after-dinner speech. Well, Mr. Bond has indulged, since his appointment, only a short time ago, in two speeches—the one touched upon legal matters upon which, naturally, his opinion is valuable; the other was a philippic against the Government in regard to its treatment of the banished ex-Sultan Abdullah, in which he termed its conduct towards him "unconstitutional," rather a hard word and a strong assertion. Of course it will be advanced that Mr. Bond was the paid advocate of the dethroned Prince, but it must be remembered his services were retained by Government on the ex-Sultan's behalf, and, therefore, his remarks are entitled to double weight. However, Government has dethroned and banished Abdullah, and if Demosthenes himself had all the time been practising oratory with the addition of another pebble in his mouth and revisited this warm corner of the earth to advocate Abdullah's cause, he could not mind matters for the Sultan nor alter the *fat* which has gone forth.

In truth, we are sick of the Native States. Governors, and our officials generally, are dining nothing else into our ears, and in their attention to the Malayan matters this Colony—thriving against all obstacles—does not receive that attention which its importance deserves. Our heterogeneous population in this large city is allowed to look after itself, and it is only when malaria or cholera of the worst type thins its midst that the authorities wake up to the fact that Singapore forms a portion of the Malayan Peninsula and is entitled to be treated as such. Families are allowed to herd together in wretched, dirty, steep hovels, where cleanliness, murder, burglary and forgery pass undisturbed and unpunished; bribery among the "guardians" of the peace is permitted to flourish, if not unproved, unchecked, while the powers that be are exercising their wisdom in arranging the affairs of Sultan or Tumoungong something or other, which can be of no political consequence to the British Government, or certainly of less, both politically and socially, than the interests of our populous commercial Port. But then dabbling in Native States matters insures notice in Blue Books and may command even mention in Parliament, though it should be before empty benches and the *China Express*, but the remedying of local nuisances receives but local thanks. Among officials an eye must be kept to the future, and, after all, there are other and more prominent colonies than this.

The case of Low Hoo Kim, the rich Chinaman—has been dragging its slow length along in the shape of a preliminary inquiry in the Police Court. You will remember he is accused of poisoning his "big footed" wife, and the circumstances attending the whole thing are very peculiar. The public have been treated with a report of the proceedings of the first day, but afterwards, there was none published, the Magistrate having expressed an opinion that publishing the report of proceedings at a preliminary inquiry was undesirable. Strange to say too, though the evidence, of course, is only *ex parte*, and is altogether that brought forward by the prosecution, it was the representative of the Crown, and not the Council for the prisoner, who objected to

the publication of the proceedings in the *Straits Times*. A Magistrate can, I am told, conduct such an inquiry with closed doors, but it is certainly against the spirit of English legislation to exercise such a power, if it be possessed, in these days of Press freedom and advancement. "Dugberry," or the famous "Mr. Justice Nugent," might claim the privilege, but the most obtuse of the champions of Justice's justice in England would think twice before he excluded a reporter from a public court. The whole of the evidence for the prosecution has been given and the prisoner has been committed for trial, bail being refused. There were some "scenes" in Court during the enquiry, and the passages of arms between Bench and Bar were amusing in the extreme.

We are threatened with a treat in store. The Government, I hear, is going to put down bribery among the police force with a high hand. Is it not a humiliating spectacle to witness a police officer—a European—who had been found guilty of bribery, pleading "custom" through his Counsel, be excluded a reporter from a public court. Such has lately been the case in these Settlements, and the profitable nature of the avocation is imagined when I inform you that this veritable disciple of Sir Robert Peel was the happy possessor of a banking account with a balance of \$10,000 on the right side. I wish I could find some such lucrative "custom" in my trade. Chinamen make no secret of their power, that of the almighty dollar, over the Police. Such a confession is lamentable; the authorities, even the heads of the police themselves, admit its truth. And so matters have gone on while our councillors of wisdom are discussing the amount of money which shall be lent to our trusted allies, or subjects, or whatever they are in Perak, or providing them with words of honour and then not presenting them.

What is it that causes such a scarcity of marriages in this happy Isle? I trust you are more lucky in Hongkong, but here the marriage bell remains untolled, and the domestic occurrences in the local paper are of the melancholy kind. I had been hoping that some "Benedict" might find his "dear Lady Dindan" in this favoured land, but though the German and English Clubs hospitably provide for the amusement of the votaries of the "voluptuous waltz" and the "gay Bolero," the hopeful speculations of Paterfamilias remain unfulfilled and his blushing progeny of daughters ripen into womanhood without an offer being made. The most polite attentions of course are bestowed; but the shy dogs of young men, merchants go "with the swallows" to mate, and return from England with a bride. Such men are not worthy of their Colony. Let their consciences be their own reproach. Have you heard a good definition of a hard day's work? I did the other evening, while sitting next to a young married lady, who was leaving early on account of the hardship of her engagements of the next day. She said, "I have a dreadfully hard day before me. I have to go to Tanjong to tiffin at one, then I have to go and hear the Band in the afternoon; and then go to Siragong to dinner at seven. Isn't it a bore." I wish mail days went to Jericho, and I were put through the mill of such hard labour as this for a month or so.

INQUEST.

An Inquest was held this afternoon (17th) on the body of a Chinese female named Aso, at the Government Civil Hospital by Mr. Russell, Coroner, with Messrs John Jack, C. H. Blum and R. F. Smith, as Jurors. Inspector Lee broke into an unlicensed house of ill-fame last night and the deceased, in attempting to escape, fell down from the top floor of the house, 42 Peel Street, to the basement, a height of about 40 feet, and was killed. Dr. Wharry, Superintendent of the Hospital, proved the admission of the dead body of the deceased into Hospital. He described several fractures on the body, viz. the right arm, the right thigh, and the jaw which was badly fractured and in pieces. Death resulted from the shock caused by these injuries. Another woman was brought in at the same time but she was still living. She suffered from fracture of left thigh and fracture of the lower jaw. She might possibly recover.

The Coroner here informed Inspector Lee that, although so far as he could see at present, the affair was only an accident, still it was right to caution him, that inasmuch as it was owing to his entering the house that the woman came to her death, he might be indicted for manslaughter if there was evidence that he had exceeded his duty, so that he need not give any evidence or answer any question unless he liked.

Inspector Lee replied that he was only performing his duty and was willing to give evidence. He was then sworn and stated that he was one of the Inspectors of Brothels. He had standing Orders from the Registrar General since the passing of Ordinance No. 1867, to enter any house and arrest any woman for carrying on unlicensed prostitution without a warrant. He was not to break into any house, although the Ordinance gave him the power to do so when necessary.

The Coroner here referred to the Ordinance and asked the witness whether the Registrar General had suspicion of this house at the time.

Witness said he had none, but he had standing orders to enter into any house. The Coroner said the Ordinance should have then said that the Inspector of Brothels should have power to enter houses; here it only stated that the Registrar General or the Captain Superintendent of Police.

Witness continued—I did not have the standing order in writing. I joined the Police in November 1870. Last night about 6 o'clock the Interpreter, Chang Aye, came to me and I gave him some \$1 notes with direction to spend them in unlicensed brothels. I marked these notes. Inspector Whitehead and myself met the Interpreter at 12 o'clock. He took us to No. 42 Lyndhurst Terrace. The Interpreter knocked at the door which was then opened. We went in and arrested three women. I and the Interpreter then went to No. 42 Peel Street. When we got to the door, the Interpreter called out but got no answer for about five minutes. The note asked the neighbour-hood. A woman on the 1st floor asked what we wanted. I asked her to open the door. She did so and went up to the second floor.

(The witness here gave a description of the house, and the Coroner thought it best to adjourn the inquest in order to visit the place. This was done, and the height of the fall was stated to be 30 feet. There was no protection whatever to the open space into which the deceased fell. I went up to the top and there was a rush to escape. I went up to the flat roof over the cook house, when I heard voices on the roof adjoining. As I got round to the divisional wall, I saw a woman going down the trap door of No. 44, which is similar to that of No. 42. I also saw two figures on the flat roof of No. 44. I ran after the woman going down the trap, made a grab at her and caught her sleeve, but could not stop her; at the same time, I heard a crash on the open space. Not knowing where this hole led to, I thought the figures I had seen had jumped down or fallen into the floor below. The open space is not protected at all; it is 35 feet by 35 feet wide. This hole acts as a sort of smoke hole for all the kitchens in the different floors of the house. I followed the woman down the trap. She ran into the street and up the steps of Peel Street to Stamford Street. P. C. 290 caught her near Aberdeen Street. I took her back to the house, and then went round to No. 44, where I saw two women lying down in the cook house floor of the bottom story. The deceased was one of them and was taken up dead. The other was still breathing and moaning. I sent for two ambulances from the Station. The whole street was roused by this time, and Dr. Gomez, who lives close by, came. I asked him whether the deceased was alive or not, and he said she was dead. The deceased was ascertained to be a servant woman. When I went up the stairs, I did not call out anything by way of warning, "Police" &c., but those in the house knew very well why I came. During all my experience people in my brothels frequently escape by the roof, but in all houses, there is some sort of protection to the open space used as a smoke-hole. If I had not been following that woman down the trap, most probably I would have fallen down that open space as the two women did. The information I got of this house being a brothel was from what was stated to me by the informant.

The enquiry was proceeding when we went to press.

Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. C. May.)
17th October, 1877.

A SOLUTION TO THE MYSTERIOUS CASE.

Chan Tai On and three others were again brought up before Mr. Russell for making an attack on the house of Wong Alok at Tai Kok Tsui, British Kowloon, on the night of the 14th inst. It appeared from the further evidence adduced that a woman, as usual, was at the bottom of the affair. A young boat-girl appeared to have been making love with some Chinese caulkers employed at the Kowloon Docks, and on the night in question, the mother-in-law of the girl engaged an old doctor to go on board to cure her of some pain in the back as alleged. He was seen by the caulkers, three of whom went on board and beat the old man, charging him with criminality on board with one of the women, the young one being the paramour of one of the caulkers. As the old man was being beaten, a nephew of his, the 1st defendant, came up and took part in the fight. He, too, was placed hors de combat, and was taken for dead. Reinforcements, however, arrived, and two of the three caulkers fell into the complainant's house, followed by the new arrivals. When they found the door was barred they broke it open and had a general melee in the house. The Magistrate ordered all the defendants to give security in \$10 to be of good behaviour for one month.

DESTROYING TREES.

Chun Acheung, grass-cutter, was fined \$5 for cutting trees near the Wanchai Gap.

LARCENY.

Yip Akwai, a tailor, was charged with stealing a pair of trousers from a passenger on board the Canton steamer. He was sent to four months' hard labour.

MORE DESTRUCTION OF TREES.

Fung Acheung, a coal-coolie, was charged with cutting a large tree near Morrison Hill. He was arrested by the Chinese Sergeant of Messrs Jardine's Force of watchmen. The Magistrate sent him to 12 days' hard labour.

DRUNKENNESS.

Thomas King, described as "an engineer of no particular employment," was fined 50 cents and ordered to pay 10 cents chair-hire for the above offence.

A "FISH" CASE.

This case, in which four men and one woman were charged with stealing 6 baskets of salt fish, was again gone into to-day at some length, resulting in all the prisoners being committed for trial, the prisoners making all sorts of defence.

A SLY BROTHER.

Leung Ahn, a sly, Fan Asee, a married woman, and Chow Koo, a woman, were charged by Inspector Whitehead, the 1st and 2nd with keeping an unlicensed brothel at No. 9 Lyndhurst Terrace, and 3rd with being a person frequenting the same. The case was remanded till the 18th instant. The registered householder of this house are Mok Sui Yeong, Chan Kwan Yee, Mok Kai Cheong and Ng Chap Ting.

ANOTHER SLY BROTHER.

Low Aye, a married woman, was charged by Inspector Lee with being the keeper of an unlicensed brothel in No. 42 Peel Street. At the time he entered the house, at 2 a.m. to-day, the defendant and two other women endeavoured to make their escape by getting on the roof of the house, and thence to the adjoining house. The defendant got down to the upper floor by a ladder from a trap door in the roof and then descended to the street, where the Inspector caught her. The other two women fell down an open space for the escape of smoke, to the basement floor, a height of about 50 feet; one of them was plucked up dead, the other is dangerously hurt and is lying in Hospital. She was expected not to live. The Inspector applied for a remand, pending the result of the inquest that was to be held this afternoon. The registered householder of this house is Mr. A. K. Madar, and the floor is the same which was occupied by the woman Leong Ahn, who was convicted at the last session of being a girl to death.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honour Mr. Justice Snowdon.)
17th October, 1877.

Frank Bowden v. G. Colas, \$450.—His Lordship delivered the following judgment to-day:

This is an action brought to recover damages from the defendant for losses the plaintiff alleges he sustained by reason of the defendant's negligence as his agent. The particulars of demand contain three items, the last of which, a sum of \$45.50, the defendant has paid into Court. The 1st item is a sum of \$150, which the defendant claimed to retain at the settlement of accounts as commission on \$3,000 paid to him by a mortgage of the plaintiff's in discharge of a mortgage debt. The 2nd item is for \$250, which the plaintiff says is the loss he sustained by reason of defendant's negligence in receiving improperly the capital sum secured by the mortgage before it was due. It is the difference from the mortgage could have been paid at the earliest date at 14 per cent, and the interest he was paying on another at 7 per cent, in reduction of which the \$3,000 were applied. The facts are as follows:—The plaintiff, Mr. Bowden, being about to leave Hongkong on a visit to Europe, appointed the defendant, an intimate friend, to look after his property in Hongkong during his absence. The plaintiff gave the defendant instructions, partly verbal, partly contained in an unfinished letter, and a Power of Attorney dated May 11, 1876. The defendant, who is a clerk in the Naval Hospital, had no acquaintance with matters of business; he never saw a deed before the plaintiff put the deed of the mortgage, the date of payment, into his possession. In the unfinished letter dated April 24th, the plaintiff gives a minute description of his property, with careful directions as to receiving rents and interests. He also gives instructions about the appointment and duties of a rent collector, remittance of money, and the mode of keeping the accounts. He does not state the particulars of Mrs. Apack's mortgage, but he states that when he gave the mortgage deeds to the defendant, he said "there would be no bother about Mrs. Apack's mortgage as she could not pay off for two years." The defendant, however, does not admit this. On May 15th the defendant writes to the plaintiff to say that Mrs. Apack wanted to pay off her mortgage as she was about to sell her property. He says, "Of course, before delivering up the deeds I shall consult with Mr. Brereton, so that everything may be done in proper order. What I want most particularly to know is that should she pay off what am I to do with the money?" Until your reply comes I shall place it in the Bank, French perhaps." Had the defendant adhered to this wise resolution to consult a solicitor, a litigator, which is much to be regretted, would perhaps never have arisen between the parties to this suit, who had been on terms of friendship and even intimacy. The reply dated from Cumberland, January 20th 1877, arrives on March 8th. The plaintiff says, "I told you that there would be no trouble about Mrs. Apack's principal as she had borrowed for two years certain." He seems to think it impossible that the principal can be paid off, as he had not given defendant power to re-assign the property, and suggests that defendant will have looked at the mortgage deed, and found out before it was too late what the mortgagee's rights were as to paying off the debt. He says, "I can only consent to receive the principal now, on Mrs. Apack's paying interest till February next year, i.e., 1878, as I should not know how to employ the \$3,000 profitably." In this letter plaintiff gives a summary of the two mortgage deeds, which it would have been much better to have given verbally or in writing before he left. Let us now see what the contents of these deeds are. The first, dated February 25th 1876, is for a loan of \$2,000 on the security of some house property, and the mortgagee covenants to repay the same on February 25th 1879, or at such earlier time or times on the usual quarter days in such year, and in such sum or sums of not less than \$200 as the said Angelica Apack may desire, and also interest for the same at 15 per cent per annum from the date by equal monthly payments on the 25th day of each and every month," etc. A second deed creating a further charge on the same property to secure a fresh advance of \$1,000 is dated February 2nd 1876. It recites the former loan and fresh advance, and the mortgagee covenants to pay to plaintiff \$3,000 with 14 per cent on February 2nd 1881, and in a later clause the plaintiff covenants to allow the mortgagee to pay off the loan after February 2nd 1878, by half-yearly payments of \$500, after giving 6 months' notice. The deed is a very fair one. The interest is high, but the plaintiff reduces it 1 per cent, a month, and takes upon himself the insurance, and the mortgagee has power to repay the loan in February 1878 instead of 1879, and by half-yearly payments of \$500 instead of quarterly payments of \$200. This is the effect of the two deeds. But the covenants of the first mortgage deed remained perfectly valid as to \$2,000, so far as they could be applied, and Mrs. Apack had the benefit of the provisions contained in it as well as in the later deed as it appears to me. She said therefore fairly, I think, paid off the \$2,000 in February 1878 or in 10 quarterly payments from February 25th 1875 ending at Michaelmas 1877. But the plaintiff was not bound to receive the whole sum at Michaelmas 1877, and when that time had passed, the 2nd deed would operate, and he would not be bound to receive payment before February 2nd 1878. If this was a doubtful question of law the defendant was a *fortiori* bound to seek professional advice. On January 28th 1877 and before plaintiff's letter had arrived, the defendant without consulting any solicitor on the part of his principal, received the \$3,000 handed over the mortgage deeds to Mrs. Apack's solicitor, and executed a re-assignment of the property. The re-assignment was wholly worthless as the defendant had no power to execute deeds given him by the Power of Attorney, and there can be no doubt that plaintiff might have treated the payment as no payment at all, and compelled Mrs. Apack to pay interest till February 1878, at least. The \$3,000 was deposited in the French Bank, where it remained until June 1st, and was ultimately paid in reduction of a mortgage of plaintiff's at 7 per cent, held by Mr. Ng Cheong, directions conditionally. In a letter dated March 22nd, 1877, the plaintiff first refers to the subject. He expresses his being worried at hearing that the mortgage had been paid off. "I am surprised," he says, "that Mrs. Apack

Sharp & Co., did not read the mortgage deed of your Power of Attorney. You do not say whether you signed any deed or receipt. Go to Mr. Brereton; Mrs. Apack has taken advantage of your ignorance and wrongfully paid you the money before it was due. If Mr. Brereton says I must or had better hold it, pay the \$3,000 to Mr. Ng Cheong on account, and tell him I will settle all when I come." Mr. Ng Cheong had a large sum out on mortgage of a property bought by the plaintiff which was due in March, 1877, and he had been pressing the defendant to pay it off. The correspondence was continued, and frequent complaints on the part of the plaintiff are to be found. "I get more and more puzzled to know what made you touch my principal," he says in a letter one half of which only is in evidence. "How could you be so careless? Why did not you look at the deeds or consult Mr. Brereton? I cannot find any repudiation of the transaction, the whole tenor of the plaintiff's correspondence shows that he was making the best of a bad job. He might have said I hold you responsible for any loss? I will have nothing to do with it; leave it in the bank if you cannot compel Mrs. Apack to take the money back. But nothing of the kind can be found in his letters. On the contrary, in a letter written from San Francisco, dated 17th June, 1876, he says, referring to the defendant's having paid the money in reduction of Ng Cheong's mortgage, "I think you went to work a little too formally with Ng Cheong. The way would have been to drop it on him and say casually I have \$3,000 of Mr. Bowden's, if you like I will pay it to you on account of your mortgage." This, it is true, refers to the application of the money after it had been improperly received; but it shows clearly that plaintiff had not repudiated the receipt. The tone of the whole correspondence confirms this, and also the admission that claim for loss was never put forward until after defendant persisted in demanding commission. I am of opinion that this amounts to a ratification and adoption by the principal of his agent's act. The contract between an agent and his principal has been described over and over again, and nowhere more clearly than in Story on Agency, sect. 183. It is that the agent will bring to the discharge of his duties reasonable skill and ordinary care and diligence, that a person of common prudence would bestow on his own affairs. Can it be said that the defendant acted with either the one or the other? The duties he undertook were not difficult. He was to receive and make payments of interest on mortgages, receive rents, cause repairs to be done, and to look after the plaintiff's house-property generally, and, above all, to keep and send plaintiff accounts. A Power of Attorney, the very foundation of his authority, is given to him, but he never looks at it. A mortgagee comes to him to pay off a mortgage, a delicate piece of business sometimes. He had no instructions to receive the money, the plaintiff goes further, and says he had been warned that he could not do so. He never looks at the deeds, nor, being unused to deeds, does he go to a solicitor. He accepts the view of the mortgagee's solicitor, I am sure, with full given, and takes the money bearing 14 per cent, months before it is due, and executes a re-assignment of the property, an act entirely *ultra vires* his Power of Attorney. Moreover he was a remunerated agent. This was gross negligence which would have made even an unremunerated agent liable; and this brings me to the question of the commission which defendant claims to retain at 5 per cent on the \$3,000. In a letter dated 11th February, 1876, defendant agrees to act as plaintiff's agent and attorney receiving a commission of 5 per cent, upon the gross amount of income collected by him on plaintiff's behalf, and this mode of remuneration was suited to the nature of his duties as contemplated by the instructions. The Power of Attorney permits him to receive debts due or to grow due, interest on mortgages, &c., and to give proper receipts, and that is all. In a letter dated 6th March, 1876, the defendant first mentions this commission. He says "I have been anxiously waiting a reply to mine of the 4th December, respecting Mr. Apack's interest; by the by, I suppose I am to charge five per cent on the amount received from Sharp." This is not the language of a man who is claiming commission as a right. The plaintiff in subsequent letters repudiates the idea altogether. The defendant is in this dilemma. Either the receipt of the mortgage money was utterly without authority, in which case of course he could not be entitled to commission, or it was within the scope of his authority as agent and attorney, and if so, he has agreed to receive five per cent on the income for what he does. No doubt a paid agent may claim a commission for something. Here the ratification of the plaintiff places the receipt of the money within the scope of his authority as his attorney, and this service is to be paid for by the five per cent on income. The defendant is not entitled to receive this commission, and there must be judgment for the plaintiff for the \$150 and the \$45. I have already said that, as to \$250, I think the plaintiff ratified the act of the defendant, and certainly the payment to Ng Cheong, and so cannot recover the difference of interest. I should have been glad to refrain from giving costs, but the defendant, though acting I am quite sure with the most upright intentions, has not behaved altogether well in this matter. The right course would have been candidly to have confessed his want of care and prudence, and judging from the plaintiff's letters, which are much to his credit, nothing more would have been heard of it. No one capable of forming an opinion can doubt that the defendant ought to have looked at the Power of Attorney and the mortgage deeds, and if, as is very likely, he could not understand them, he should have consulted a solicitor, but not the mortgagee's solicitor. He then sets up this claim for commission at first with doubt, "I suppose I am to charge this five per cent." The absence of authority, and the loss caused by his want of ordinary care is pointed out, and then his doubts are laid aside for a positive demand. He persists and retains the \$150 at the settlement. The plaintiff is thus driven into court, and the defendant must pay for his obstinacy with full costs. Judgment for plaintiff for the \$150 commission retained by defendant and \$45 paid into Court.

Mr. Francis appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Handley instructed by Mr. Brereton, for the defendant.

Mr. Handley said, in reference to that part of the judgment regarding the plaintiff being driven into Court, the defendant had offered to settle the matter by arbitration.

His Lordship said he heard nothing of it; he could not go behind what came before him.

China.

(Herald, 16th 11.)

We understand that the steamer *Conquest* is about to resume running between Shanghai, Wenchow, and this port. Meanwhile, the Customs Courier Service is the only reliable means of communication.

On the 4th instant, a medium-sized wooden mooring buoy was plucked up by a fishing boat near the Middle Dog Lighthouse, and handed over to Mr. Southey, the chief light keeper, in whose custody, we believe, it still remains. There are no marks on the buoy to indicate the ownership, but it is probably the property of salvors, being of the description generally used in sailing operations.

The Pilot boat *Maria* had, it seems, a very narrow escape during the late bad weather on the coast. She was off Oosken when the typhoon commenced, and losing her main-mast and rudder-post, was in a disabled condition for some time. When the weather moderated, the Lightkeeper at Oosken was anxious to render assistance, but could not obtain a native boat for less than \$400; his liberal offer of \$50 was refused, but ultimately, when the *Maria* had effected temporary repairs and was under sail to Neichu, the fishermen offered to bring her in for \$100, which offer was of course declined. Arrived at Neichu, the crew of the *Maria* applied to the district magistrate (Major Li) for assistance, which was promptly rendered. Major Li not only offered to send them under escort overland to Foochow, but also advanced \$50 out of his own purse to defray their expenses. This handsome conduct deserves to be recorded, and we have much pleasure in giving the circumstances publicly.

We have been handed the following translation of a letter from the Rev. Sia Sek Ong, the Presiding Elder of the Hinghua District, in connection with the American Methodist Episcopal Mission:—

"On the morning of the 22nd of September, about daylight, a fierce tempest suddenly arose on the coast of Hinghua, accompanied with heavy rain; the sea came up several tens of feet higher than its usual bounds; boats that were moored along the shore were broken to pieces; many houses were washed away or blown down; men lost their lives; and fields and gardens were in a few moments changed into barren ground.

In Foo-chin, several tens of people were lost. Twenty-one of the inhabitants of Hing-lo, on the island of Lam-yi, were destroyed. No exact account can be obtained of the number of lives lost or the amount of damage done. On the morning of September 22nd, there were cries of mourning and lamentation in all the villages along the coast, the sound of which nearly shook the earth. The fishermen have no boats with which to pursue their avocation, the farmers have no fields, the people are homeless. Their circumstances are exceedingly distressing. Alms have been sent from Hinghua; but the people do not know where they are to obtain a means of livelihood hereafter. I hear that the prefect of Hinghua has sent a deputy, with several hundred taels, to the distressed villages on the coast, with orders to investigate the needs of the people, and render them assistance. I think that the wealthy merchants and the gentry of all places, on hearing of this calamity, will exercise benevolence in behalf of the sufferers."

The two his preacher says that one of the members there was drowned in the sea; and nothing is known of the fate of two others who were at sea at the time. Over a dozen of the members have had their houses destroyed. The chapel was also blown down.

The T'eng-hu preacher says—"The new chapel was blown down, also. The chapel erected by Ling Hoo-kau (one of the members) and his own dwelling house were destroyed, leaving only empty ground."

The Lam-yi preacher says—"The wind blow off all the bricks and tiles from the roof of the chapel, only leaving about enough covered space in the preacher's room to stand on. Twenty-one persons were drowned; among them two brothers of Church members. Over ten of the members had their boats and nets destroyed; and the grain in the fields washed away."

Quotations.

Hongkong, October 17, 1877.

OPIUM.—New Fata, cash, \$840
" Old Fata, credit, 610
" New Benares, cash, 605
" Old Benares, credit, None
" New Malwa, cash, 675
" Allowance Tael, 8 a 32
" Old Malwa, cash, 675
" Allowance Tael, 8 a 32
QUICKSILVER, ... 65

Exchange.

Bank, on demand, ... 5/10
" 30 days' sight, ... 3/10
" 6 months' sight, ... 3/11
Overland, ... 3/11
Documentary, 6 months' sight, ... 3/11
Bombay, demand Rupee, ... 2/19
Calcutta, ... 2/19
Shanghai, demand, ... 72
" 80 days, ... 73
Bar Silver, 17, dwts. B., ... 10 1/2
Sycee, ... 92 a 9 1/2
Mexican, ... 1
Gold Leaf, ... 26.20
English Sovereigns, ... 5.08
Australian Sovereigns, ... 5.06
Discount, ... 8 a 10

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 47 1/2 prem.
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$250
China Traders Ins. Co., \$2,800
China Insurance Co., \$247
Yankee Ins. Association, Tls. 778
North China Ins. Co., Tls. 680
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$670
H.K. & W. Dock Co., 16 1/2 dis.
H.K. & W. S.-boat Co., 18 1/2 dis.
Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 26
Hongkong Gas Co., 675
Hongkong Hotel Co., 460
Chinese Imperial Loan, \$103

Temperatures.

(Taken at Messrs. Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

Hongkong, October 17, 1877.

Barometer—9 A.M. ... 30.100
Do. 1 P.M. ... 30.020
Do. 4 P.M. ... 29.998
Thermometer—9 A.M. ... 78
Do. 1 P.M. ... 78
Do. 4 P.M. ... 78
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. ... 76
Do. Do. 1 P.M. ... 76
Do. Do. 4 P.M. ... 76
Do. Maximum ... 78
Do. Minimum over night ... 73

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SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ,
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CUTTA AND BOMBAY.

ON THURSDAY, the 18th October, 1877, at Noon, the Company's S.S. YANG TSE, Commandant RAPAT, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.
Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.
Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m., on the 17th October, 1877. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)
Contents and value of Packages are required.
For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.
H. DU POUY, Agent.
Hongkong, October 10, 1877. cc18

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ROUTING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF PEKING will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th Instant, 1877, at 12 o'clock Noon, taking Passengers and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Passengers Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York and Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.
A Steamer of the Mitsui Bishi S. S. Company will leave Shanghai, via the Inland Sea Ports, about same date, and make close connection at Yokohama.
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Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m., 23rd Instant. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

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RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, October 4, 1877. cc24



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Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,
Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean
Ports, Southampton,
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Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and
Australia.

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NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
GEORGE, Captain FRASER, will leave
this on THURSDAY, the 25th October,
at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. LIND, Superintendent.
Hongkong, October 12, 1877. cc25

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TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
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IN CONNECTION WITH THE
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and
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RAILROAD COMPANIES
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ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

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Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 7th November. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

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For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.
G. B. EMORY, Agent.
Hongkong, October 5, 1877. cc26

Insurances.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

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AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEE.

JAS. B. COUGHRIE,
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Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

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If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

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Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

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THE Underigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

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Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

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(LIMITED.)

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Hongkong, April 17, 1875.

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COMPANY.

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NORTON & Co.,
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Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

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Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

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Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

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INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
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His Majesty King George The First,
A. D. 1720.

THE Underigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

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Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

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Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

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HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
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Hongkong, July 25, 1875.

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COMPANY.

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A Discount of 20% allowed.

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Hongkong, January 8, 1875.

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AND LONDON.

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HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, October 14, 1875.

Insurances.

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSO-
CIATION.

CAPITAL—Fully Paid-up.....Tls. 420,000

PERMANENT RESERVE.....230,000

SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....75,000

Total Capital and accumulations this date.....Tls. 725,000

Directors:

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M. P. EVANS, Esq., U. LUCAS, Esq.

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Hongkong, October 1, 1877.

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Hongkong, August 23, 1877. an23

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. F. RAPP in our Firm CEASED from This Day.

F. BLACKHEAD & Co.
Hongkong, October 1, 1877. nol

NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES DAVID BOTTOMLEY was admitted a PARTNER in our Firm on the 1st July, 1877.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

NOTICE.

FROM This Date Mr. EDWARD SHEPPARD and Mr. M. W. GREIG, are authorized to Sign the name of our Firm per Proposition at Foochow, and Mr. F. F. ELWELL at Amoy.

RUSSELL & Co.
China, June 1, 1877. del

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TO LET.

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Apply to
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Hongkong, July 30, 1877.

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Hongkong, September 4, 1877.

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Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name	Captain	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers							
Argyll	Scott	Brit. str.	1270	Oct. 6	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	To-morrow
Amelia	Scott	Brit. str.	95	Oct. 6	2 Kwok Achong	Y'ham & San F'isco	24th, noon
City of Peking	Tanner	Amer.	5076	Oct. 14	P. M. S. S. Co.		
Comet	Bamlin	Brit.	317	Oct. 15	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Bangkok	20th inst.
Danube	Clancy	Brit.	790	Oct. 12	Yuen Fat Hong	Coast Ports	21st, daylight
Douglas	Pitman	Brit.	884	Oct. 17	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		Tug Flying
Fame	Sjostad	Brit.	117	Oct. 7	H. K. & W'poo Dock Co.	Sands'illy	
Fernow	Borgen	Brit.	700	Oct. 18	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	
Glennius	Wilcox	Brit.	1868	Oct. 7	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	To-morrow
Japan	Edmidt	Brit.	1018	Oct. 13	Wm. Pustan & Co.	London, &c.	To-day
Madagascar	Levie	Brit.	884	Oct. 18	Siemens & Co.	Swatow	To-day
Norma	Walker	Brit.	1029	Oct. 9	Kwok Achong	Yokohama	Ab'deen Dock
Sea Gull	Roberts	Brit.	408	Sept. 13	Insurance Company	Amoy and Tamsui	To-day
Sunda	Reeves	Brit.	786	Oct. 17	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Taiwan	Young	Brit.	334	June 4	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
Tintin Abbey	Mindale	Brit.	2422	Oct. 15	Siemens & Co.		
W. Cores de Vries	Reed	Brit.	251	Oct. 12	G. McElin		Repairing
Yang-tse	Reed	Brit.	2422	Oct. 15	Messageries Maritimes	Marseilles, &c.	To-morrow
Sailing Vessels							
Aarhus	Solling	Dan. sch.	251	Oct. 12	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Abercrombie	Evans	Brit. sch.	1087	Oct. 12	Adamson, Bell & Co.	New York	
Aberlady	Nicoll	Brit. bge.	735	Aug. 5	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Abiel Abbot	Chase	Amer. Sm. sch.	590	Sept. 24	Order		
Alphington	Cunningham	Brit. bge.	326	Sept. 6	Wieler & Co.		For Sale
Augusta	Souza	Port. sch.	631	Aug. 30	Brandao & Co.	Sydney & Melbourne	
Batavia	Thomsen	Brit. Sm. sch.	210	Aug. 10	Meyer & Co.	Cape Town	
Brisbane	Haeleop	Ger. bge.	388	Oct. 11	Siemens & Co.		
Canton	Huddleston	Brit. bge.	394	Oct. 12	Russell & Co.	Haiphong	
Chamron Kamrye	Orantz	Ger. bge.	373	Oct. 14	Siemens & Co.		
Chascoe	Moller	Siam. bge.	420	Sept. 4	Chinese		
Chang Soon	Mahur	Amer. bge.	628	Oct. 4	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Chilli	Cheung Sang	Siam. sch.	200	April 30	Chinese		
Chinaman	Keal	Brit. bge.	445	July 30	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Callao	
Chocola	MacKenzie	Brit. bge.	687	Sept. 20	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	New York	
Churumun	Kane	Brit. bge.	243	Oct. 8	Rosario & Co.	Melbourne & Sydney	
Colorado	Shrawabery	Brit. sch.	1884	Sept. 25	Wieler & Co.		
Constancia	Ingraham	Amer. sch.	1075	Oct. 15	Russell & Co.	Manila	
Corinne	Graser	Span. bge.	234	Oct. 11	Siemens & Co.		
Cortina	Vincent	Amer. sch.	150	Sept. 25	Insurance Co.		
Criterion	Reifro	Port. bge.	285	Sept. 19	Remedios & Co.		
Darra	Lull	Amer. sch.	1546	Sept. 1	Siemens & Co.		
Dartmouth	Cameron	Brit. sch.	999	Sept. 14	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Dauphin	Robertson	Brit. bge.	915	Sept. 28	Adamson, Bell & Co.		
Deutchland	Lellionals	Feb. bge.	387	Oct. 18	Siemens & Co.		
Florida	Teimann	Ger. bge.	289	Oct. 13	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Haiphong	
Garmouth	Schneider	Ger. bge.	338	Oct. 15	Edward Schellhass & Co.	San Francisco	
Galatia	Fraser	Brit. bge.	887	Oct. 8	Wieler & Co.		
Geo. Crawshaw	Jaeger	Ger. sch.	1284	July 30	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	London	
Gold Hunter	McPherson	Brit. Sm. sch.	199	Oct. 6	Meyer & Co.	New York	
Graham	Iwing	Brit. bge.	658	July 21	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Grassmere	Freeman	Amer. sch.	1200	July 5	Russell & Co.		
Great Admiral	Haselings	Brit. bge.	688	July 1	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Grosvenor	Thompson	Amer. sch.	1576	Aug. 19	Russell & Co.		
Gustav Adolph	Van Jony	Dut. bge.	272	Oct. 14	Chinese		
H. S. Sandford	Neumann	Ger. bge.	272	Oct. 12	Edward Schellhass & Co.	Chafco	
Harbinger	Johnson	Amer. sch.	1165	Aug. 12	Russell & Co.	New York	
Harriet N. Carleton	Barkness	Brit. sch.	1508	July 27	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Humboldt	Stoll	Amer. bge.	872	Oct. 16	Captain		
Iles of the South	Dennett	Ger. sch.	880	July 5	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Chafco	
Jacobi	Hohlmann	Ger. bge.	417	Aug. 21	Siemens & Co.	New York	
Jalo	Hohmann	Brit. sch.	1365	Sept. 30	Edward Schellhass & Co.	Newchwang	
Johanne	Herkens	Ger. bge.	628	Oct. 8	Wm. Pustan & Co.		
Jubilee	Harris	Brit. sch.	768	July 11	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	K'long Dock	
Kim Soon Boat	Kant	Sia. Sm. sch.	190	Sept. 2	Chinese	San Francisco	
Largo	Brown	Brit. bge.	783	Sept. 25	Edward Schellhass & Co.		
Lana Crispo	George	Brit. bge.	688	Oct. 1	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Foochow	
Lochaber	Amer. sch.	45	Aug. 13	Insurance Cos.	Melbourne	Cleared	
Lord Macaulay	Moulman	Brit. bge.	847	July 1	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Lochaber	Kindt	Siam. bge.	422	Sept. 4	Tack Mee	Hamburg	
Lord Macaulay	Thompson	Brit. bge.	830	Sept. 19	Adamson, Bell & Co.		
Lord Macaulay	Jaeger	Ger. bge.	368	Oct. 12	Wieler & Co.		
Lord Macaulay	Barneslester	Ger. bge.	486	Sept. 25	Wm. Pustan & Co.		
Lord Macaulay	Gibbons	Feb. bge.	425	Oct. 2	Carlowitz & Co.	Haiphong	
Lord Macaulay	Pierre	Brit. bge.	870	Oct. 15	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		Cleared
Lord Macaulay	Pfleger	Ger. bge.	887	Sept. 20	Messers & Co.		
Lord Macaulay	Stouck	Amer. sch.	845	Sept. 16	Meyer & Co.		
Lord Macaulay	Dinkelberg	Ger. bge.	598	Sept. 2	Messers & Co.		
Lord Macaulay	Doyle	Amer. sch.	484	Oct. 2	Edward Schellhass & Co.	New York	
Lord Macaulay	Worley	Brit. bge.	327	Oct. 12	Wieler & Co.	Haiphong	
Lord Macaulay	Urtarte	Span. bge.	217	Oct. 4	Remedios & Co.		Cleared
Lord Macaulay	Morton	Brit. sch.	210	Oct. 12	Lane, Crawford & Co.	Manila	
Lord Macaulay	Graf	Ger. bge.	239	Oct. 2	Siemens & Co.		
Lord Macaulay	Munchan	Siam. bge.	445	Oct. 12	Carlowitz & Co.		
Lord Macaulay	Hansen	Siam. bge.	476	Sept. 25	Chinese		
Lord Macaulay	Nicolson	Brit. bge.	290	Sept. 19	Rosario & Co.		
Lord Macaulay	Madaga	Span. bge.	220	Oct. 12	Remedios & Co.	Haiphong	
Lord Macaulay	Dumont	Feb. bge.	289	Oct. 14	Carlowitz & Co.		Cleared
Lord Macaulay	Wachtelbremer	Siam. bge.	239	Sept. 11	Chinese		
Lord Macaulay	MacKintosh	Brit. bge.	769	Aug. 18	Edward Schellhass & Co.		put back
Lord Macaulay	Cloagh	Amer. sch.	1090	Sept. 5	Russell & Co.	Singapore	
Lord Macaulay	Brit. sch.	1063	July 11	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	London		
Lord Macaulay	Mitchell	Brit. sch.	903	Oct. 6	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Lord Macaulay	Steffens	Ger. bge.	456	Sept. 2	Siemens & Co.	Monte Video	
Lord Macaulay	Vorath	Siam. bge.	474	Sept. 28	Siemens & Co.		
Lord Macaulay	Baso	Ger. bge.	765	Oct. 7	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Lord Macaulay	Westerveld	Dut. bge.	328	Oct. 15	Siemens & Co.		
Lord Macaulay	Faulkner	Brit. bge.	798	Oct. 15	Remedios & Co.		
Lord Macaulay	Gallichan	Brit. bge.	534	Oct. 2	Wm. Pustan & Co.		
Lord Macaulay	Nielsen	Brit. bge.	714	Sept. 5	Meyer & Co.	London	Wanchai Pier
WHEAMPOA							
Wheampo	Ringe	Ger. bge.	442	Oct. 4	Wieler & Co.	Hamburg	
Wheampo	Kaldahl	Norw. bge.	786	Oct. 16	Chinese		
CANTON							
Canton	Crowd	Chi. str.	920	Oct. 16	C. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	
Canton	Schultz	Brit. str.	783	Oct. 16	Siemens & Co.		